

DIARY NOTES

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1. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that [REDACTED] among others, would be acceptable to him to look over his organization in compliance with the IG's Survey of the Office of Security.

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2. I asked Ed Saunders to check with Frank Ecker in the course of the day about our [REDACTED] and report back so that I could give the Director a report tomorrow morning.

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3. I talked to [REDACTED] Administration and have agreed to see him at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow about a possible job with CIA.

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4. I talked with Art Lundahl and Bob Amory about the Photographic Intelligence Center and the renovation [REDACTED] Bob says that the \$500,000 which the Army agreed to put up is still good but that he had not given any further thought to asking for contributions from the other military services. I am sure that the Bureau of the Budget is going to raise this question. Bob agrees, and we are to discuss it at the Deputies' Meeting tomorrow morning. H

5. I reviewed a number of items with Emmett Echols as follows:

a. I asked him to give me an oral progress report on the implementation of the Regulation Nos. [REDACTED] having to do with the separation of surplus personnel. The first report will be due on or about 10 March.

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b. I also asked him to put on the Career Council agenda the question of the complete elimination of the Career Staff Regulations. I think that this thing should be discussed thoroughly and some decision should be made as to whether we are going to have some regulation on the books to cover this subject.

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c. Emmett talked to me about the shortage of good people in the Office of Personnel. He is very reluctant to let [REDACTED] go to replace [REDACTED] I told him that I was in complete sympathy with his idea of getting some good people back into the Personnel business but that I thought in all frankness he was going to have to move some of his mediocre grade GS-15s in order to make room for some of these people. They are not going to be happy about coming back unless they can see some opportunity for promotion and do not have to work under mediocrity.

d. I had a good talk with Emmett about the inadequate response to revising regulations from the Office of Personnel. I worked him over pretty thoroughly on this and told him that I thought the Office of Personnel should get going and conform their regulations to those that are going to be published shortly in the new format.

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e. We talked about the [REDACTED] case. He is the individual who was sent [REDACTED] and came home without ever doing his job. There is no question but that the Office of Communications is seriously at fault in this case as well as [REDACTED]. I told Emmett I would approve of suspending him for two weeks and giving him an extremely strong reprimand. I asked him, however, to check this out with [REDACTED] and to tell the General that I would be glad to talk with him about it if he does not agree with Emmett's recommendation.

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f. I reminded Emmett that he owes me some statistics on personnel turnover, clerical strength, etc., which the Appropriations Committee asked us for when we were up there on the separation of surplus personnel problem.

g. Emmett warned me that he is going to ask for an increase in the Office of Personnel ceiling. I think that he will probably settle for something less than he is asking for, however.

h. Emmett advises me that the backlog of insurance claims is eliminated and that they now have on hand approximately one day's business.

6. Bob Amory buzzed me to say that with the Director's approval he had been negotiating with the Department of State which might get them out of the NIS business altogether, as well as the Biographic Register. This would mean that we would pick up about 120 Department of State people on our rolls. They would become a part of OBI. Bob says that this all has to be cleared with the Director, etc., but that if it takes place he may want to get all of the space he gave up in the new building back again. I told him that I would certainly want to consider this carefully at the appropriate time but told him that he might well have to consider leaving all of OBI out of the new building in lieu of putting them in. His major argument is that in order to do their job properly they have to be near the Library.

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